

REMARKS

Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group I drawn to a manufacturing method for an anion adsorbing carbon material.

Newly drafted Claims 30-49 are directed to the elected subject matter and do not add any new material.

A feature of our invention is the carbonization of plant material such as ligneous material with a capacity of high water absorption and attaching ion exchangeable calcium ions and then subsequently carbonization of the plant material without activating the carbon material that is increasing the surface area by micro pores or otherwise solely for the purpose of absorbing the target anion ion from, for example, a pollution source.

In order to solve the problem, the present invention employs a method of providing carbonization, without activating, a raw material comprising plants which has contact with a solution including a calcium ion, so that an ion exchangeable anion is contained within the carbonized material.

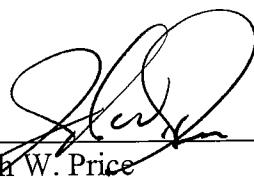
As a result, the present invention can provide an anion adsorbing carbon material which is inexpensive and environmentally friendly and having an anion adsorption performance that is equivalent to or better than that of expensive anion exchange resins, by using a plant raw material in place of activated carbons or expensive anion exchange resins.

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